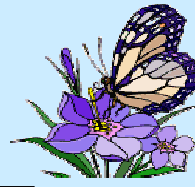


COUNTY LINES

for county employees



August
2005

TCOB MEETINGS

Commissioners

8/1 10:00 am Tippecanoe Room
8/15 10:00 am Tippecanoe Room

Council

8/9 1:00 pm Tippecanoe Room
8/9 2:00 pm Tippecanoe Room
PUBLIC HEARING

Department Heads

8/10 Noon Tippecanoe Room



Budget Hearings

8/22 – 8/25 Tippecanoe Room



CENTRAL or EASTERN?

Which time zone would you prefer
for Tippecanoe County?

Register your opinion on
our Tippecanoe County
Website:

<http://www.tippecanoe.in.gov/>



ANNIVERSARIES

15 YEARS

Carroll Wilson
Christina Remley

10 YEARS

Mary Mitchell
Mark Jasek

5 YEARS

Eddie Ward
Christopher Brophy
Sandra Goon
David Fisher



CALL 711 for PC HELP or
423-9711
if you are outside the network.

BUDGET HEARINGS begin AUG 22nd

Auditor, Bob Plantenga, reminds us that Budget Hearings are open to employees and department heads, as well as the public. EVERYONE is welcome. The public hearing portion is the first couple of hours on Monday when anyone may speak. After that, he/she may sit in, but doesn't have the "right" to speak. It is very educational on how budgets are approved and how difficult a job it is.



THANK YOU COUNTY EMPLOYEES!

Robert Jeffares, Chairman of the 2005 Stars and Stripes Celebration Committee, expresses sincere appreciation to all County Employees who contributed money toward our patriotic community-wide celebration honoring our American freedom and those service people who have given so greatly.

TEMA's new Mobile Operations Vehicle has arrived.

You may have seen it on display at the 4-H Fair. It is a state of the art, self-contained truck that will serve as a communications center, a command center, and a meeting point for those people in charge at any major event in this part of the State. It has a satellite link, regular TV reception, internally networked computers, and a cellular phone system that has several extensions throughout the vehicle. There are 11 radios throughout to provide communications with any safety organization in this area of the State. We also have a radio translation device that is designed to translate one type of radio system of transmission to another so everyone can communicate, even if they have different types of radios. It was funded with Federal grant monies. Its cost was \$456,000.00.

PARKING GARAGE CHANGES or QUESTIONS:

CALL SUSAN TIMMONS AT 597 or EMAIL
stimmons@tippecanoe.in.gov



The Park Department Staff joins many other Tippecanoe County residents in storm clean-up tasks. Extensive tree damage at Fort Ouiatenon, and lesser damage at Mar Len Park and Davidson Fields and Ross Camp, kept chain saws and rakes in motion last week. It will take several weeks for debris to be cleaned up. Our part-timers will soon be heading back to college so this Friday the staff will gather for a carry-in lunch cook-out to thank the part-time staff for all of their hard work during the busy spring and summer months. The Tippecanoe County Amphitheater has been very busy. The facility hosted Tippecanoe School Corporation's production of "Beauty and the Beast" and then Civic Theater's productions of "The Sound of Music" and this past weekend "The Hobbit". Our parks are host to many weddings throughout the year. Ross Camp facilities include a Chapel and the A-frame Lodge and Dining Hall building; the Ross House in Ross Hills Park has a capacity of 50 persons for small gatherings, and the Chapel in the Tippecanoe Battlefield Park can seat 70. The charm of outdoor weddings brings residents to hold wedding ceremonies at Fort Ouiatenon as well as the Amphitheater. (Check out the County website for specifics on each facility's rental rates and policies.)

FREE FINANCIAL ADVICE for COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Bison Financial:

DON'T SKIP THIS INFORMATION!!

If you have ever felt overwhelmed, confused, or nervous about your retirement plan choices, or have wondered when or if you'll be able to retire and live comfortably, **Bison Financial Group** can help.

Bison's MENTORsm Program provides confidential, one-on-one guidance which helps enable you to fully understand your choices and make decisions NOW that may help increase the probability of reaching your future goals.

There is no cost to you, so take advantage of the help offered by **Bison**--an *independent, local, full service* financial planning firm with emphasis on employee well being. For more information, call 765-742-8300, and mention that you are a Tippecanoe County Employee. Day, evening and weekend appointments are available.



Purdue Employees Federal Credit Union (Tippecanoe County Employees are members.)

Why Trust Your Future to Anyone Other Than PEFCU?

PEFCU is a local Credit Union owned by our members. Tippecanoe County Government is one of our community business partners; that means that all employees and family members of employees are eligible for membership and our full selection of products and services.

The **PEFCU Trust and Financial Center**, a division of Purdue Employees Federal Credit Union, is only a part of this package. We offer no cost, no obligation appointments to discuss and analyze your financial dreams and plans. **PEFCU Trust & Financial Center** offers a series of seminars including an in-depth look at your PERF retirement plan. Our full range of services include college funding, retirement & estate planning, long term care, financial plans, local trust officer, and much more.

PEFCU Trust and Financial Center has been serving the needs of Tippecanoe County Employees for over 14 years. Thank you for your trust in us. We are committed to building our community and your financial success.

If you use either of the above-mentioned services, please email commissioners@tippecanoe.in.gov to let them know what you think.

Laurie Wilson and Heather Maddox, co chairs of Tippecanoe County's Board of Elections and Registration have news for us.

On August 1st, their department switched to Indiana's new Statewide Voter Registration System (IN SVRS). This change was made in response to legislation resulting from the Help America Vote Act. Training and equipment are being provided by the Indiana Election Division. Soon, we will be able to check new voter registrations against all others in the state in an effort to eliminate duplicate registrations. This is intended to reduce fraud and ensure an accurate list of voters.

Quest Information Systems, working in partnership with Virchow Krause, is designing and implementing the new system. Russell Martin Associates has provided training for five county employees, including a three-day seminar for new users followed by a two-day workshop after our county goes "live". In addition, a GIS session will be held to update MITS employees so that they can support the GIS needs of the program.

Heather and Laurie invite everyone to stop by their office to see the new system, as they are glad to show it off.

Do not forget to register to vote if you have not already done so, or file an update if you have recently moved.



(Nicknamed "Totem", one of the many recently storm-damaged trees at the Fairgrounds)

Bryan Metzger, County Extension Director, states, "The July 26 storm made a path across the south edge of the 4-H Fairgrounds. The high winds damaged several trees. In total, 13 or more trees lost limbs, with five trees receiving severe damage. The chain link fence had damage in three locations. There was no major damage to buildings. We are all thankful that the 4-H Fair was completed before this storm struck."

REMINDER from HR: As of January 1st, 2005, **Express Scripts** REPLACED **AdvanceRx.com/pcs**.

New cards were distributed to all employees. Destroy your old cards, please.

Sara Moore, Auditor's Office, informs us that she has a new phone line that is to be used for Juvenile Court Reimbursement Cases only. The number is 420-1584. Internal number 584.

Did you know that cardiovascular diseases are still ranked as the #1 Killer in America?

Please, support the **American Heart Association** by joining the county team at the **2005 American Heart Walk** Saturday, September 17th at the SIA Facilities. We'd love to have you!

I walk because in 2003 I lost my brother Wayne (52) to heart disease; the first year I walked it was held on his birthday ten months after his open-heart surgery. Please contact me to get signed up for our team – or if you'd like to sponsor a walker! Christa Coffey, X331



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